



Charleston Collegiate School

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Auction March 15

The USS Collegiate is ready to set sail Saturday, March 15. Tickets are still available but must be reserved by Tuesday, March 11 by contacting Olivia French at OFrench@charlestoncollegiate.org or by calling 559-5506. Tickets cost \$100 per person or \$1,500 for a table of 10. You may also participate in the on-line auction by visiting <http://www.bluetreemarketing.com/charlestoncollegiate>.

Teacher Appreciation

Volunteers are needed to help honor our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-9. Please contact Lynn Williams at 573-9779 or lbl_williams@msn.com if you can help.

Have A Seat!

Have you noticed all the new, colorful benches and picnic tables around campus? They were purchased for CCS by the Parents Association.

Tuition Raffle

Win free tuition next year! Raffle tickets are \$50 for one chance, three chances for \$100 and 6 chances for \$200. Raffle tickets are available at the front office, and the winner will be announced at the Auction March 15. You need not be present to win.

Innisbrook Fundraiser

Whether you're looking for the perfect gift, delicious gourmet chocolates, or simply need to restock your gift wrap supply, please consider ordering from Innisbrook.com and Charleston Collegiate will receive 55% of the proceeds. Remember to register CCS's school number, 111148. Thank you!

Free Money

Newton Farms donates Greenbax directly to the school for all those shopping at their Freshfields location who have signed up for Community Rewards. Not only does each guest receive their free Greenbax just for shopping, but Newton Farms, at their expense, matches with a 100% Greenbax donation to CCS. Sign-up today either on the web or at the store, and help CCS earn free money!

Annual Fund

CCS needs your support! In order to be awarded grant money for our school, we need to show 100% participation from our parents in our Annual Fund. Any amount you give is significant, as long as we can show 100% participation! You can donate on-line at charlestoncollegiate.org, or contact Olivia French at OFrench@charlestoncollegiate.org or call 559-5506.

Communication Forum News

Q: Why don't students change into gym clothes?

A: We don't have the locker space to offer students, but we are implementing a school uniform next year and will reevaluate the current P.E. clothing.

Q: Has the school ever looked into implementing the Presidential Fitness Award program for the Lower/Middle Schools?

A: Dr. Shirley is familiar with the program and is currently looking into implementing it at CCS. He is also recommending that P.E. be held outside when weather permits instead of always being in the gym.

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Q: *Is there any possibility to offer a discount for families with more than one child attending the school?*

A: No

Q: *Why does a non-religious school have religious holidays?*

A: CCS is non-sectarian but recognizes holidays observed by its student body. It would not be beneficial to hold school on holidays when the majority of the students would not be in attendance. We could just as easily refer to holidays as Fall Break, Winter Break and Spring Break, but it's simply more convenient to use the religious terms.

Q: *Can brown pants and grey pants be added to the dress code?*

A: The dress code is being completely revamped next year with a school-wide uniform. More information will follow on this issue.

Q: *Is there a defibrillator at the school? If so, who knows how to use it? If not, one should be purchased. Is it possible to offer AED classes at the school for staff and interested parents? Also, does the main office keep Benedryl on hand for allergies?*

A: CCS currently does not own a defibrillator, although CCS staff is trained in First Aid and CPR each summer.

Q: *Many high level schools are recognizing Chinese as the future in a second language, not Spanish. An alternative like this is a must for any progressive private school. Some of the money collected from the tuition increase should be allocated to this end.*

A: An extensive curriculum study is being conducted as part of the CCS self-study and a committee is in place to evaluate programs that can be implemented, including an Asian study program that would incorporate an on-line course to learn Chinese. CCS recognizes the value of global studies and the committee is working to find ways to bring global study opportunities to the student body within the school's budgetary constraints.

Q: *Schools like Pinewood Prep hold "academic bowls" that include field-day activities with sponsorships and pledges to raise money for schools needs. This is a great idea to raise money for additional SMART Boards.*

A: There are many needs we have at CCS that come into play before we purchase Smart Boards. Fundraising has been one of CCS's most difficult challenges and we are addressing this issue as part of the school's self-study.

Q: *What is the status of grants for CCS?*

A: Without 100% participation from parents in the Annual Fund, it is very difficult to score grant money. We are currently awaiting word on two grants, but our major goal is to see 100% participation from each class to improve our chances of receiving grants.

In other news.....

Dr. Shirley has asked for three of four parents to meet with the visiting team from the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), which will help with academic planning and peer review. Contact Jean Pendleton at jpendleton@charlestoncollegiate.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Parents asked that a Lower School homework letter be posted on the CCS website each week in order to allow parents to check homework online.

Parents also asked that a life skills course be taught at CCS that would include finances and ethics.